

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 78 and 79 and 81-94, and amend claim 73 as follows:

Listing of Claims:

1-72. (Cancelled)

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~~73.~~ (Currently Amended) An in-process device, comprising:

a substrate; [[and]]

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a conductive layer comprising a metal layer over the substrate, the conductive layer being exposed to a material selected from the group consisting of phosphine and methylsilane to reduce an ability of the conductive layer to associate with oxygen[.]; and
a second conductive layer comprising a tungsten nitride layer formed on the conductive layer and a third conductive layer comprising a copper layer formed on the second conductive layer.

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~~74.~~ (Previously Presented) The in-process device of claim ~~73~~¹, wherein the conductive layer comprises tungsten nitride.

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~~75.~~ (Previously Presented) The device in claim ~~74~~², further comprising another conductive layer formed on the tungsten nitride layer.

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~~76.~~ (Cancelled)

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~~77.~~ (Previously Presented) The in-process device of claim ~~75~~³ wherein the other conductive layer comprises copper.

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~~78-79.~~ (Cancelled)

5 80 (Previously Presented) The in-process device of claim ¹~~73~~ wherein the substrate comprises a silicon substrate.

61 [81-94 (Cancelled)
